



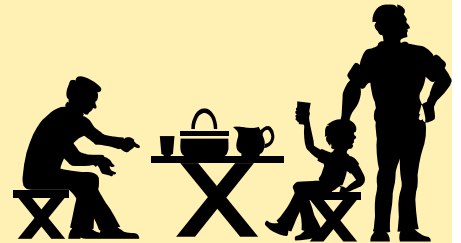
GAST PICNIC 2006

Sunday, **June 4th** 2:00 - 6:00 P.M.
At the Dizzy G. Ranch,
the home of **Hannelore and Jim Giles**

Bring lawn chairs and a card table if you have one. If you wish to ride with someone or you can provide a ride, please call Becky at the office, 744-6998. **THIS IS A WORKING RANCH - WEAR COMFORTABLE AND WASHABLE CLOTHES AND 'CLOSE GATES' IF YOU GO THROUGH. EXPECT TO GET YOUR SHOES DIRTY.** Small children should be monitored.

Since Elam cannot cater this time, the caterer for the Channel 6 Picnic has been hired for our Picnic.

The menu will be
Barbecued Brisket, Chicken, Sausage, potato salad, baked beans, and cookies,
with hot dogs for the kids.
We will also have cold drinks and beer!



\$ 5.00 for Germanfest workers and children under 12
\$ 10.00 for other adults. - No charge for children under 2.

Reservations to 744-6998 by Wednesday, May 31st.

Directions to the Dizzy G. Ranch:

South on Highway 75 to the Beggs (Highway 16) Exit. Exit **RIGHT** or **WEST** onto **Highway 16**. You will travel **7.5** miles to your next turn. (This puts you through Beggs, across two small creeks, (Checkerboard Creek and Tiger Creek). Immediately past Tiger Creek you will turn **SOUTH** or **LEFT** onto **Dentonville Road**. If you missed your turn you'll see a filling station and feed store to your left. Follow Dentonville Road for **4.8 miles**. Turn **RIGHT** or **WEST** on to the first dirt road past all the curves called **Kennedy Road**. After 1 mile Kennedy Road makes a turn to the **LEFT** or **SOUTH**. The first place on your **LEFT** or **EAST** side of **Nuyaka Road** will be the **DIZZY G RANCH**.

GAST Happenings

Handarbeitsgruppe Tuesdays at 10 AM	July 7 Stammtisch	Nov 12 Piano recital
May 26 Weinkeller	Jul 28 Weinkeller	
Jun 2 Stammtisch	Aug 4 Stammtisch	
Jun 4 GAST picnic	Aug 25 Weinkeller	
Jun 23 Weinkeller	Sep 1 Stammtisch	
Jul 2 Sonntagskaffee	Sep 22 Weinkeller	
	Oct 8 German-American Day	

...FROM THE GAST PRESIDENT

Our third Germanfest is over. It was successful thanks to all the volunteers who, in spite of the rain, spent their time to make sure that all the customers could enjoy the food and the music. We might hear more about the Germanfest as soon as all the numbers are in.

We also had our annual membership meeting. This brought us some changes on the Board.

President of GAST will be Charles Tegeler (replacing me)

1. VP of GAST: Merry Porter (replacing C. Tegeler)
2. VP of GAST: Dave Schoneweis (replacing Rick Pizzo)

Secretary for all three Organizations will be Leon Boggs (replacing Terry Sponsler)

New Directors: Robert Mitchell, Bernie Scieszinski, Claus Greiner, Dietrich Lannert.

Re-elected directors: Erika Hartmann, Christy Fell.

This new Board will take over on June 1, 2006.

I also would like to thank the outgoing members of the board for their support and service to GAST over the last years: Rusty Seelye, Irmgard Toschik and Dan Belcher. Don't go too far away. Stick around. We still need you in the Organization

In addition to the elections the membership also approved the revised By-Laws for GAST. A revision of the By-Laws should actually be done every few years. This time we made some adjustments to make sure the By-Laws of all three organizations are in line. Rick Pizzo chaired the Committee. Members were F. Rother and D. Lannert.

I still have one concern, looking at the future this Organization: As I mentioned more than once our organization is currently working with no real goal or target. We do need a common goal that all three organizations can and will support. This, however, needs coordination from the top.

In addition we will have in the future less "German" impact on the operation of GAST. This will water down more and more. Can this be avoided? It will be tough since our generation was the last one coming over from Europe.

We do need younger people to join the organization, However, most of those will be most likely of the 2nd or 3rd generation.

The last two years weren't easy years, at least not for me - working with an organization, which tries to act and believe that we are one organization. But that's not the reality. The three organizations of GAST (actually four with the Endowment Trust) are independent entities! This makes GAST (all the organizations) very inefficient to operate. There are better ways to manage an organization like this.

At this point I would like to thank everybody for their support of me as President of GAST. All together I served as GAST President for 6 1/2 years.

This will be my last report as President of GAST. I will not go far, I will still be on the Board.

Auf Wiedersehen
—Claus Greiner

**Now always on the Wednesday after
the Board meeting**

**Echo Deadline is:
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...from the Arts President

The General Membership meeting is over and it is time to say thank you to those who served in office during the past year. Your work is appreciated and we hope that you will serve again in the future. Welcome to the incoming officers and board members. You will have heard that we did not have a candidate for the position of 2nd Vice President of Arts. This position will be filled in accordance with the bylaws and I am confident this will happen at the June Board meeting.

The past year has been our busiest ever. At one time the Arts Association had only a few public events each year. It is pleasing to report that we have presented twelve events with musical performances in the period between the 2005 and 2006 General Membership meetings. The combined audience for these events was in excess of 1,400 persons. This does not include the attendance of over 850 at the “Kindheit im Berliner Westen” exhibit. Our other programs have continued with excellent enrollment for both adult and children’s Language Classes, good attendance at Movie Nights, Konversationsrunde and requests for the Speaker’s Bureau.

Summer months mean fewer activities while our members enjoy vacation and travel. A full slate of events is in hand for the fall. Come enjoy them and please remember to bring a friend.

Best wishes,

—John Millar

Die Deutsche Konversationsrunde

This popular program
will reconvene in September.
Watch the ECHO
for time and date.

The Konversationsrunde is a program under the auspice of the GAST Arts Association. It serves to promote the German language and other cultural interests of its members. For suggestions, information or to host one of our meetings please contact **Barbara Conrad** (chair) at 492-3273 or **Gertrud Schmidt** (co-chair) at 495-3727.

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Notes from the Building President

Year-end report from The German American Society of Tulsa Building Corporation

The following information was reported during the April 10th membership meeting:

Gratitude was expressed for the hard work of all the building committees. The extra effort by the Wednesday work crew, the Friday morning set-up group, and the leasing committee was also recognized. The building had 44 leased events during 2005. There are 34 scheduled so for 2006.

The O'Brian house (next door) was purchased by James Gates, a State Farm agent. He has completed remodeling both the inside and outside of the property. A good working relationship has been established with him.

The projects finished since the last meeting include:

- installation of kitchen equipment
- painting the Great Hall and stairwells
- repairs to storm damaged roof
- removal of perimeter fence and vegetation
- trees trimmed
- external electrical box hook-up for outdoor events
- replaced heat exchanger in kitchen
- new heating unit in duplex

Current projects include remodeling the ladies bathroom, repairing parts of the sprinkler system, and digging a trench to relieve a water problem on the east side of the building.

This building belongs to all the members of GAST. Anyone who is interested in serving on a committee is encouraged to call me at **625-7629**.

—Elam Blank

Now Playing at the GAST Theater

An Erwin Jerchau Presentation

Monday June 5

NOTE!

We are starting Summer Break. Next Movie Show September 4/06

Starting at 6:30 PM

Musik vom Wilden Kaiser



Starting at 7:30 PM

Wen die Liebe trifft

Starring: Franciska Petri, Erol Sander, Betinna Zimmermann and Fritz Karl



Here she is:

Our

Mai Königin

Lonnie Jamison looks on approvingly as the new Maiqueen (his wife) is introduced to the audience by Hannelore and Jim Giles



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The Sunshine Lady

Please call or E-mail me if you know of a GAST member who is ill. Also, please let me know if it is appropriate to send a sympathy card. Thank you.
Phone 357-9156

E-mail aobieber@aol.com
Gwenn Bieber

We welcome these new members to the GAST Family

June 2006

We welcome the following new Members.

Edward F. Arnold
(Nuernberg Germany)
Edith H. Arnold (Vienna,
Austria)
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Tulsa, OK 74136
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Gary Lee Canarsky
(Nebraska)
Nancy Lee Canarsky (Kansas)
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Welcome back
Paul R. Hollrah (MO)
Joyce A. Jones (CA)
1205 E. 10th St.
Sand Springs, OK 74063
Tel. 246-2842



Can people predict the future with cards? Mothers can. Really? Yes, she takes one look at my report card and tells me what will happen when my father gets home.



Stammtischrunde

**Join us on Friday evening,
June 2, 6:30 PM**



**Zum Wohl,
—Dann Björklund,
Chair**

**The Crowning of our new
Maikönigin, Janet Jamison by
our outgoing Queen, Angelique
McLaurin. Hannelore Giles
looking on.**

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